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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 13, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A ^{hr}gro-1 gene which has a function at the level of cellular physiology involved in developmental rate and longevity, wherein gro-1 mutations cause a longer life and an altered cellular metabolism relative to the wild-type, wherein the ^{hr}gro-1 gene comprises the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 or any functional fragment thereof.

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Remarks

Claims 1 to 20 remain in this application.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out in distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.